COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, *the* *7th of August 1929.* / *23rd of Karkadagam 1104.*

The House met at Half-past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar, E. Ikkanda Warriar, S. S. Koder, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, K. Mohamed Seethi, Ouseph P. Kundukulam and I. Raman Menon were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Tools in the Government Trades School, Trichur.

241. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state if any of the tools referred to in question No. 621 (b) of Legislative Session of 1104 is missing;

(b) if so, what are they;

(c) what is the price of each, what is the explanation, if any, for the missing ones?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Text-Books.

242. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether the Malayalam text-books prescribed for this academical year are to continue for a certain fixed number of years, and if so, for what period;

(b) whether the Government are aware that unhealthy competition is cropping up between the various editors and publishers of text-books;

(c) whether they propose to edit and publish books themselves hereafter, in order to avoid this competition among the publishers and its consequent evil effects;

(d) whether they are satisfied with the conduct of the members of the Text-Book Committee and the Board of Studies, in the matter of selection of Malayalam text-books recently for the classes 1, 2, 3 and 4;

(e) whether it was as a sort of compromise between publishers of two different sets of text-books that the Board of Studies finally decided to accept two books of each set?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The books have been prescribed for the current year only, and the question of their continuance will depend on the decision of Government.

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(b) There is much competition, but it is doubtful if it is entirely unhealthy.

(c) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

(d) The question is not sufficiently definite to admit of an answer.

(e) No. Different sets had to be selected on the merits of each set.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know who is to decide the continuance of the books, Government or the Committee?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—When is it that they decide its continuance next year?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—They have decided for next year and they will decide the other later on.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Is it for the academical year alone?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—This academical year does not end in 1104.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I want to know whether it is prescribed for the next academical year.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is prescribed for one full educational year.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—When will you decide the continuance for next year?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—In the course of the next educational year.

Roads and wells for the benefit of the Depressed Classes.

243. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state what amount has been spent in the year 1104 up-to-date for constructing roads, wells and tanks for the benefit of the members of the Depressed Classes?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Rs. 6,241 from the budget "Uplift of the Depressed Classes".

Sanskrit College, Trippunittura.

244. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table the Trust Deed which restricts admission to caste-Hindus only to the Sanskrit College, Trippunittura, and state which is the particular portion of the above deed which so restricts the admission?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It does not appear that there has been a real endowment deed. Nevertheless the intentions of the founder are clear to the Government.

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